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Garcia helps launch first Mason Make a Difference Day

Lansing – Sen. Valde Garcia (R-Howell) is sponsoring 20 high school students and Mason City Works employees to help prepare the city for the upcoming holiday season. The team will be working in downtown Mason on Nov. 26 as part of Mason's first Make a Difference Day.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. with an opening ceremony that will include remarks from Mason Mayor Russ Whipple, Garcia, and teachers from New Covenant Christian School. Following the ceremony, the volunteers will decorate trees with Christmas lights around the city square, sweep the streets surrounding the Ingham County Courthouse, and clean the front of the Mason City Hall.

For the past 19 years, New Covenant Christian School has carried on the tradition of performing community service projects the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. This year, they are very excited to cooperate with Garcia and the city of Mason.

"It's a great chance for us to give back to the community," said Alissa Schafer, a senior at NCCS. "I am really excited about this opportunity to help Mason and to make a difference!"

As a resident of the 22nd District, Garcia recognizes the significance of working together as a community to beautify our cities.

"It is important to encourage youth involvement in these community events," Garcia said. "It shows them that they have the ability to make a difference and that teens and adults can work together to accomplish great things. I appreciate the chance to create a new partnership with NCCS and the city of Mason for this event. Hopefully we will be able to look forward to Mason Make a Difference Day for many years to come!"

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